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25X1 REF:

25X1 1. TESTS OF THE TELESCOPING HOOK BLADE KNIFE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

THE KNIFE HAS BEEN TEST JUMPED FOUR TIMES BY BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH FULL PRESSURE SUIT AND SEAT KIT. SIX LINE CUTS
WERE QUICKLY COMPLETED WITH VIRTUALLY NO EXERTION ON ALL JUMPS.
HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY TO LOOSEN THE NECK RING TAKE-UP STRAP SO
THE JUMPER CAN GET HIS HEAD BACK SUFFICIENTLY TO SEE THE MARKED
LINES ON THE REAR RISERS THAT ARE TO BE CUT.

2. RECOMMEND THAT A TELESCOPING HOOK BLADE KNIFE BE ADOPTED AND
ISSUED TO ALL PROJECT PILOTS ASAP. THIS KNIFE FITS EASILY IN THE
SUIT KNIFE POCKET. THIS CAPABILITY IS ESPECIALLY REQUIRED FOR
DEPLOYED OPERATIONS.

3. SAMPLE KNIFE, PARTS LIST, AND DESCRIPTION OF CONSTRUCTION IS
BEING FORWARDED TO [REDACTED]

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